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Democratic Harmony (?)

We hear much from the Democratic

press of the state about the alleged dis-

ensions in the Republican ranks, but

they are very careful to cover up the

bitter feuds that are raging within their

own party. The ambition of Col. John

T. McGraw and his sportive tricks with

the ballot box are responsible for the

blatant internecine contests that are go-

ing on within the Democracy, and they

have resulted so far in discrediting him

as a leader. He made a poor showing

in his own district at the recent election

of delegates to the Kansas City conven-

tion, and the triumph of the Chilton

faction in the Third district convention

was the crowning act of his humiliation.

This will place W. E. Chilton in the

way of obtaining the national com-

mittee man of his district, and if

he does not want it he will see to it that

McGraw does not succeed himself.

These assertions are fortified by the

fact that the Chilton-McGraw wing

of the Democracy controls the Third

and Fourth district delegations, and

they have a comfortable working ma-

jority in the other two districts. If

they don't want him to have anything

they will poison the cup that is offered

to him.

McGraw, it is said, is trying to bait

Governor MacCorkle with a suggestion

that he be run for the legislature in

Kanawha county, but the governor is

loaded for him and his emissaries, and

it will not be well with any representa-

tives of the whilom boss should they

make a definite indication in that direc-

tion. Another feature of Democratic

demoralization in the Third district was

the turning down of our unconstructed

friend Albert Sidney Johnston, of

Monroe county, and Dennis, of the

Greenbrier Independent, gentlemen who

have served their party too well, as

delegates to the national convention.

Both went home mad after their defeat,

and it is intimated that they will sink

in their tents during the campaign and

let the former big Democratic

majorities of Monroe and Green-

brier take care of themselves.

On the whole, we see a vast opportunity

for amusement in the campaign, and

the Republicans will have the laughing

end of the situation.

See That You are Counted.

One of the most important sugges-

tions yet made by the census bureau is

that of urging upon all persons who ex-

pect to be absent during the enumeration,

the importance of making some

provision for having themselves counted.

This will be an important matter to

Wheeling. The count of the people be-

gins in all parts of the country June 1,

persons to whom these questions are

applicable. In addition, inquiries will

be made about the ownership of homes.

Mr. White at Charleston.

Hon. A. B. White, who will, without

doubt, be the Republican nominee for

governor, and will be elected, in his

speech at Charleston last week, cleared

away some foggy Democratic stand-

ards to his position with regard to the

removal of the capital from Charleston.

While the matter could have no possi-

ble bearing and could in no manner af-

fect Mr. White's qualifications for the

office of chief executive of the state, he

deemed it best to meet the misrepresen-

tations of the Democracy and show up

its confirmed habit of malicious mendaci-

ty.

The Charleston Mail Tribune reports

Mr. White as saying that he had seen

in the public print, in the Kanawha

County Democrat, that he was a party

to the attempt made by the legislature

of 1899. Mr. White stated that he was

not in the state when this matter was

up, and knew nothing of it until his re-

turn. As soon as he heard of it, he de-

nounced the attempt in his own town of

Parkersburg. He stated positively that

he was opposed to the removal of any

public building that has already been

located in this state.

Mr. White further said that at that

time he was not the editor of the State

Journal, and that no man living had

ever heard him advocate the removal of

any public building in the state of West

Virginia. No one had ever heard him,

ever utter a statement that could be

tortured into any such construction. For

twenty years he had been a stockholder

in Charleston newspapers, trying to

build up the city. More than this, he

advocated that both parties, Democrats

and Republicans, should put a plank in

their state platforms declaring against

the removal of any public building as at

present located.

The most vital problem in the coming

election will be the complexion of the

legislature. It is known that the Dem-

ocrats will strain every nerve to obtain

a majority in both branches of that

body for the purpose of making another

violent reappointment of the state.

The present outlandish lines of demar-

cation make it extremely difficult for

the Republicans to carry the legislature

even should they obtain a respectable

majority for state officers. The impor-

tance of bonding effect, therefore, to

the election of legislative candidates

was urged by Mr. White. On this point

the Mail Tribune reports him as fol-

lows:

He showed how, as at present, the Re-

publicans virtually give the Democrats

10,000 votes to start with, because to

achieve the same result it takes 10,000

Republican votes to offset the 10,000 De-

mocratic votes.

The Democrats in their last reapportion-

ment of the state had taken delegates

away from large Republican counties,

and had given delegates to every Demo-

cratic county in the state. Thus, while

every Democratic county, no matter how

small, was represented by a Democrat

in the legislature, many large Republi-

can counties were deprived of proper rep-

resentation, because they were not at-

tached to Democratic counties as re-

presented. As a result, the Democrats

in the legislature, as a result, the Demo-

cratic member of the legislature, Ar-

guing from these facts, Mr. White said

that he believed the Republicans in the

legislature were going to carry the

fall, not only in order to elect the next

United States senator, but also to pre-

serve their political rights for the next

ten years. Again was Mr. White's facts

unassailable, and his logic unimpeach-

able.

Business Conditions.

The situation in the stock market

during the week just closed presented

the same conditions that prevailed dur-

ing previous weeks, irregularly con-

tinuing to be the prominent feature. A

little out of the ordinary was the move-

ment in the early part of the week in

the decided depression in railroad

stocks of the highest class as well as in

industries. "The fluctuations on Mon-

day, remarks the Financial Chronicle,

vote was 45.87 per cent of the aggregate.

Republicanism in Missouri grows steady-

ly. It gains steadily. It would have

taken control before this but for the fu-

sion of Democrats and Populists, and

that, to a large extent, is now broken

up. If every Republican does his full

duty the state will be redeemed in the

coming campaign and that will be a

glorious day for a great commonwealth

long abused and discredited by Bour-

bonism."

The more the resignation and reap-

pointment of Montana's boodle senator

is inquired into, the more obnoxious

Clark appears. While tears were roll-

ing down his cheeks while he was mak-

ing his pathetic plea before the senate,

the telegraph was ticking off his reap-

pointment. What a monstrous sham

he is.

The arrest of woman of loose reputa-

tion in two saloons, one of which was

run by one of the rejected applicants

for license, and their flitting together

with the proprietors, shows commenda-

ble zeal on the part of the police de-

partment. But there are others.

Count Castellani, the amusing little

husband of Anna Gould, who didn't

have the nerve to challenge the Paris

editor who is alleged to have maligned

him, will, it is said, challenge the gov-

ernment to a test of strength with the

chamber of deputies. The affair will be

quite bloodless.

It is not likely that our Presbyterian

friends at St. Louis will do anything to

relieve the strain on the consciences of

the communicants of that church by

agreeing to any revision of the creed.

President Kruger implicitly believes

in a dream he had which foretold the

ending of the war in three weeks, but

we are not told how it ended—in the

dream.

Hoboken was swelled one thousand

times its normal size and importance on

the map when it extended the "freedom

of the city" to the Boer delegates.

Neely, the disreputable Cuban postal

official, was a hummer in his way.

Fresh scandals are constantly develop-

ing against him.

We venture the prediction that Senator

Clark will not be received into full

senatorial communion.

Kruger wants to quit, but the Trans-

vaal women want to fight "till the last

armed foe expires."

The Boer envoys to this country, singu-

lar to relate, are suffering from too

much sympathy.

Col. Baden-Powell deserves a medal

for his seven months defense of Maf-

eking.

London is still delirious over the re-